



**TENNESSEE**  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

# **CHARTER SCHOOL UPDATES**

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP

MAY 30, 2019

# CHANGES TO THE CHARTER LAW

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Public Chapter 219 of the 111<sup>th</sup> General Assembly made the following major changes to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 13:

- Creation of the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission; and
- Granting the State Board the authority to evaluate authorizer quality.

Given these changes, several of the State Board's charter school responsibilities will be turned over to the Commission in 2021, including:

- Serving as an appellate authorizer; and
- Serving as the LEA for the State Board's currently operating charter schools.

# SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION

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The State Board staff is in initial conversations with stakeholders to begin work around the following:

- A high-level recommended timeline to set up all LEA & Authorizer responsibilities to share with the Commission;
- Communication with its authorized schools around what the transition process will look like over the next two years; and
- Providing support, as requested, to the Commission through the creation of their appeals process and fulfillment of their LEA responsibilities.

# AUTHORIZER EVALUATIONS

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According to Public Chapter 219, the State Board shall:

- Ensure effective operation of authorizers in the state and evaluate authorizer quality by conducting periodic evaluations of authorizers to determine compliance

To begin developing its evaluation process, State Board staff is currently considering:

- How to define “periodic”;
- What measures and documentation to evaluate; and
- How to develop an evaluation that is supportive, actionable, and accountable rather than punitive and discouraging.

# LOOKING AHEAD

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- Over the next year, the State Board staff will:
  - Continue to engage with stakeholders and the board members to develop an authorizer evaluation process;
  - Partner with the Commission to ensure a smooth transition of its charter school responsibilities;
  - Implement a pilot of the authorizing evaluation process for the 2020-21 school year; and
  - Continue to receive charter school appeals through December 31, 2020.

# CONTINUING OUR WORK

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# CHARTER SCHOOL APPEALS

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- LEAs across Tennessee received a total of 14 new start charter school applications by the April 1 deadline.

LEA	Total Applications
McMinn County	1
Metro Nashville	2
Shelby County	11

- LEAs will follow the updated timeline for application review this year:
  - LEAs have 90 days to rule on initial application.
  - Sponsors have 30 days to submit amended application.
  - LEAs have 60 days to rule on amended application.

# SBE AUTHORIZED SCHOOLS

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## Bluff City High School

- Last day of school is **today**
- 2019-20 projected total enrollment is **463 students**
- New teacher orientation begins on **July 22**

## KIPP Antioch College Prep Elementary

- Last day of school was **Thursday, May 23**
- 2019-20 projected total enrollment is **295 students**
- New teacher orientation begins on **July 8**

## KIPP Antioch College Prep Middle

- Opening this **August**
- 2019-20 projected total enrollment is **128 students**
- New teacher orientation begins on **July 8**



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